

# Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program

## Purpose

The Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program (NNF) is a competitive grants program that provides training awards for:

- students who are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals to pursue graduate/post-baccalaureate (master's or doctoral) level programs in food and agricultural science disciplines;
- current USDA National Needs Fellows to conduct thesis/dissertation research or to undertake studies outside of the United States;
- USDA National Needs Fellows who have completed their doctoral degrees and are pursuing additional postdoctoral training in food and agricultural science disciplines.

## Awards

\$ 32,000 – 300,000. Award duration is up to 5 years.

## Impacts

- enabled recruitment of superior students for training in the food and environmental systems domain;
- provided international research and thesis experiential learning opportunities for preparing highly trained personnel;

## Who May Apply

Institutions with a demonstrable capacity to carry out teaching **and** research in the food & agricultural sciences with graduate degree programs in disciplines within the food and agricultural sciences that are either:

1. U.S. public or private non-profit colleges and universities or
2. land-grant colleges and universities, including land-grant institutions in insular areas.

Other institutions are encouraged to form partnerships/collaborations with institutions in 1 or 2.

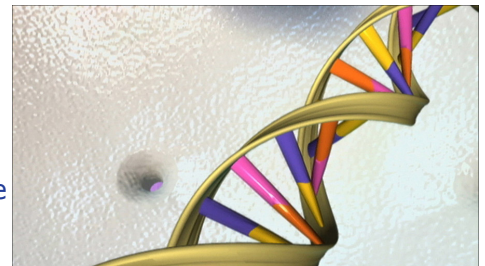
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- enhanced gender diversity in highly trained professional within the food and environmental systems domain;
- increased the pool of highly qualified scientists and professionals in disciplines within food and agricultural sciences;
- provided trained personnel to satisfy critical national need areas within the food and environmental systems domain.

## Areas of Support

NNF awards grants to train students for master's and doctoral degrees, and provides additional postdoctoral training for Fellows who have completed doctoral degrees at colleges and universities that have demonstrable teaching and research



competencies in the food and agricultural sciences. NNF supports trainee programs to encourage outstanding students to pursue and complete degrees or obtain postdoctoral training in areas where there is a national need for developing scientific and professional expertise in the food and agricultural sciences. They invest in graduate training and relevant international experiential learning for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate the potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to USDA's mission.

CSREES makes grant funds available for USDA Fellows supported under the NNF grants program to participate in Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel to conduct thesis/dissertation research or to undertake studies at a site outside of the U.S. Before the international travel may commence, a USDA Fellow must have completed 1 academic year of full-time study, as defined by the institution, under the fellowship appointment, and arrangements must have been formalized for the Fellow to study and/or conduct research in the foreign location(s).

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